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Analysis of Robot Selection Based on 2-Tuple Picture Fuzzy Linguistic Aggregation Operators

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Abstract: The aim of this article is to propose the 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic aggregation operators and a decision-making model to deal with uncertainties in the form of 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic sets; 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic operators have more flexibility than general fuzzy set. We proposed a number of aggregation operators, namely, 2-TPFLWA, 2-TPFLOWA, 2-TPFLHA, 2-TPFLWG, 2-TPFLOWG, and 2-TPFLHG operators. The distinguished feature of the developed operators are studied. At that point, we used these operators to design a model to deal with multiple attribute decision-making issues under the 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic information. Then, a practical application of robot selection by manufacturing unit is given to prove the introduced technique and to show its practicability and effectiveness. Besides this, a systematic comparison analysis with other existent approaches is conducted to reveal the advantage of our developed method. Results indicate that the proposed method is suitable and effective for decision-making problems.

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1. Introduction

Generally, there exists some uncertainty in the representation of data information during the decision-making (DM) process. To overcome this drawback, first, Zadeh [1] defined fuzzy set (FS). In fuzzy set, Zadeh only showed the positive membership grade of a number in the defined set, and applied it to many other fields, i.e., fuzzy decision-making problems [2,3]. However, there was no discussion for the negative membership grade. Therefore, due to this non-membership grade, the fuzzy set theory failed to solve the complete uncertainty in real-life problem. For this purpose, Atanassov [4] defined the concept of intuitionistic fuzzy set (IFS), which consists of positive and negative membership grades; IFS has the advantage of two memberships, which diminish the fuzziness. Garg [5,6] displayed generalized improved interactive aggregation operators to solve a decision-making problem under the IF set condition. Kaur and Garg [7] introduced cubic intuitionistic fuzzy set aggregation operator. Later, Kaur & Garg [8] developed generalized aggregation operators with the cubic IF set information using the t-norm operations. Aside from them, different scholars (Garg & Arora [9]; Garg & Rani [10]; Shen & Wang [11]; Peng, & Wang [12]; Hoskova & Maturo [13]; Collan & Kacprzyk [14]) incorporated the idea of aggregation process in different applications and also given their related decision-making algorithm with the IF set and their expansion.

Atanassov discussed only two categories of responses i.e., “yes” and “no”, but we have three types of responses in case of selection, for example, “yes”, “no”, and “refusal”, and the complicated

answer is “refusal”. Therefore, to overcome this drawback, Cuong [15,16] introduced a novel notion of picture fuzzy set (PFS), which dignified in three different functions, presenting the positive, neutral, and negative membership grades. Cuong [17] discussed some characteristic of PF sets and also approved their distance measures. Cuong and Hai [18] introduced fuzzy logic operators and defined fundamental operations for fuzzy derivation forms in the PF logic. Cuong, Kreinovich, and Ngan [19] examined the characteristic of picture fuzzy t-norm and t-conorm. Phong et al. [20] explored certain configuration of picture fuzzy relations. Wei et al. [21–23] defined many procedures to compute the closeness between PFSs. Presently, many researchers have developed more models in the PF sets condition: Correlation coefficients of PFS are proposed by Sing [24] and apply it to clustering analysis. Son et al. [25,26] provided time arrangement calculation and temperature estimation on the basis of PFSs domain. Son [27,28] defined PF as separation, distance and association measures, also combined them under the condition of PF sets. Son et al. [29] defined novel fuzzy derivation structure on PF set and improved classical fuzzy inference system. In [30,31], Thong et al. utilized the PF clustering approach for complex and particle clump optimization. Using the PF weighted cross-entropy concept, Wei [32] studied basic leadership technique and used this technique to rank the alternative. Based on PF sets, Yang et al. [33] defined flexible soft discernibly matrix of decision-making. In [34], Garg design aggregation of PF sets for MCDM problems. In [35], Peng et al. proposed picture fuzzy set approach and tested it in decision-making, also see [36–38] for the PF set. Ashraf et al. [39] extended the structure of cubic sets to the picture fuzzy sets. They also defined the notion of positive–internal, neutral–internal, negative–internal and positive–external, and neutral–external and negative–external cubic picture fuzzy sets.

Herrera & Martinez [40] developed the concept of 2-tuple linguistic processing model based on the symbolic translation model, and also showed that the 2-tuple linguistic information processing manner can effectively avoid the loss and distortion of information. A group decision-making model was proposed by Herrera et al. [41], to manage a nonhomogeneous information. For choosing the appropriate agile manufacturing system, Wang [42] developed a 2-tuple fuzzy linguistic processing model. The TOPSIS technique is extended by Wei [43] for MAGDM problem with 2-tuple linguistic information. Chang & Wen [44] proposed the efficient algorithm for DFMEA, combining the 2-tuple model and OWA operator. Bonferroni mean operators are extended by Jiang & Wei [45] for the 2-tuple linguistic information. The dependent interval 2-tuple linguistic aggregation operators are developed by Liu et al. [46] for MAGDM. Wang et al. [47] proposed an algorithm for the MAGDM problems, using the interval 2-tuple linguistic information and Choquet integral aggregation operators. To study the application of MAGDM on the supplier selection, Liu [48] defined the 2-tuple linguistic Muirhead mean operators. A consensus reaching model for the 2-tuple linguistic MAGDM was proposed by Zhang et al. [49], where the weight information are incomplete.

The remainder of the article is arranged as follows. In Section 2, we briefly discuss the basic knowledge about the picture fuzzy set and 2-tuple linguistic processing model. In Section 3, we define 2-TPFLS and their operational laws. In Section 4, we present some 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic averaging aggregation operators and discuss their basic properties. In Section 5, we present geometric aggregation operators of 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic number and their properties. Utilizing the 2TPFLWA and 2TPFLWG operators, we developed a model for multiattribute decision-making (MADM) problem and discussed the application of the developed approach and their comparison with existing approaches in Section 6. Finally, we write the conclusion in Section 7.

2. Preliminaries

In this section, we have presented some basic knowledge of the 2-tuple linguistic term set, picture fuzzy set, and 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic set.

Definition 1. Let $\acute{S} = (s_1, \dots, s_\tau)$ be the collection of linguistic terms set and τ denote the odd cardinality [50,51], such that s_τ , and τ represent the possible value of the linguistic variable and positive integer, respectively.

Generally, τ is taken as 3, 5, etc., i.e., when $\tau = 5$, then the linguistic term set \acute{S} is defined as $\{s_1 = \text{Poor}, s_2 = \text{Slightly poor}, s_3 = \text{Fair}, s_4 = \text{Slightly good}, s_5 = \text{Good}\}$.

If $s_\kappa, s_t \in \acute{S}$, then the following characteristic must be satisfied;

- (1). The ordered of set as: $s_\kappa \prec s_t, \Leftrightarrow \kappa \prec t$;
- (2). The operator of negation as: $\text{Neg}(s_\kappa) = s_{\tau-\kappa}$;
- (3). Maximum $(s_\kappa, s_t) = s_\kappa$, iff $s_\kappa \geq s_t$;
- (4). Minimum $(s_\kappa, s_t) = s_\kappa$, iff $s_\kappa \leq s_t$.

Using the concept of symbolic translation, Herrera & Martinez [50,51] introduced the 2-tuple fuzzy linguistic model. The model is used to denote the linguistic assessment information by means of a 2-tuple (s_i, α_i) , and s_i and α_i denote the linguistic label and symbolic translation, respectively, from the linguistic term set \acute{S} and $\alpha \in [-0.5, 0.5]$.

Definition 2. Let β be the result of an aggregation of the indices of a set of labels assessed in a linguistic term set \acute{S} [50,51], for example, the result of a symbolic aggregation operation, $\beta \in [1, \tau]$, where τ denotes the odd cardinality of \acute{S} . Let $\iota = \text{round}(\beta)$ and $\alpha = \beta - \iota$ be two values, such that, $\iota \in [1, \tau]$ and $\alpha \in [-0.5, 0.5]$, then α is said to be the symbolic translation.

Definition 3. Let $\acute{S} = (s_1, \dots, s_\tau)$ be the finite linguistic term set and $\beta \in [1, \tau]$ be the number value of the aggregation result of linguistic symbolic [50,51]. Then, the mapping Λ are utilized to get the 2-tuple linguistic information equivalent to β , and defined as

$$\Lambda : [1, \tau] \rightarrow \acute{S} \times [-0.5, 0.5], \quad (1)$$

$$\Lambda(\beta) = \begin{cases} s_{\iota}, \iota = \text{round}(\beta) \\ \alpha = \beta - \iota, \alpha \in [-0.5, 0.5], \end{cases} \quad (2)$$

where $\text{round}(\cdot)$, s_{ι}, α denotes the usual round operation, closest index label to β and the value of the symbolic translation, respectively.

Definition 4. Let $\acute{S} = (s_1, \dots, s_\tau)$ be the finite linguistic term set and (s_i, α_i) be a 2-tuple [50,51]. Then, there exists a mapping Λ^{-1} , such that from a 2-tuple (s_i, α_i) it returns its equivalent numerical value $\beta \in [1, \tau] \subset \mathbb{R}$, which is

$$\Lambda^{-1} : \acute{S} \times [-0.5, 0.5] \rightarrow [1, \tau], \quad (3)$$

$$\Lambda^{-1}(s_i, \alpha) = \iota + \alpha = \beta, \quad (4)$$

We observe from Definitions 2 and 3 that the conversion of a linguistic term into a linguistic 2-tuple consists of adding a value 0 as symbolic translation:

$$\Lambda(s_i) = (s_i, 0). \quad (5)$$

Definition 5. Let $\mathbb{R} \neq \emptyset$, be a set [52]. Then, \mathfrak{F} is called picture fuzzy set, defined as

$$\mathfrak{F} = \{ \langle \check{a}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r), \check{e}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r), \check{u}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r) \mid r \in \mathbb{R} \rangle \}, \quad (6)$$

where $\check{a}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r), \check{e}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r), \check{u}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r) : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be the positive, neutral, and negative membership grades of each $r \in \mathbb{R}$, correspondingly. $\check{a}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r), \check{e}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r)$, and $\check{u}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r)$ satisfy that $0 \leq \check{a}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r) + \check{e}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r) + \check{u}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r) \leq 1 \forall r \in \mathbb{R}$. $\pi_{\mathfrak{F}}(r) = 1 - \check{a}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r) - \check{e}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r) - \check{u}_{\mathfrak{F}}(r)$ is the refusal grade of r in \mathbb{R} , and a triple-component $\langle \check{a}_{\mathfrak{F}}, \check{e}_{\mathfrak{F}}, \check{u}_{\mathfrak{F}} \rangle$ is called the picture fuzzy number, and each picture fuzzy number is in the form of $E = \langle \check{a}_{\mathfrak{F}}, \check{e}_{\mathfrak{F}}, \check{u}_{\mathfrak{F}} \rangle$, where $\check{a}_{\mathfrak{F}}, \check{e}_{\mathfrak{F}}$, and $\check{u}_{\mathfrak{F}} \in [0, 1]$, having the condition

$$0 \leq \check{a}_{\mathfrak{F}} + \check{e}_{\mathfrak{F}} + \check{u}_{\mathfrak{F}} \leq 1. \quad (7)$$

Definition 6. Let $\mathfrak{S}_1 = \langle \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r), \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r), \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r) \rangle$ and $\mathfrak{S}_2 = \langle \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}(r), \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}(r), \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}(r) \rangle$ [52], which are two picture fuzzy numbers defined on the of discourse $\mathbb{R} \neq \emptyset$, some operations on picture fuzzy numbers are defined as follows.

(1). $\mathfrak{S}_1 \subseteq \mathfrak{S}_2$ if

$$\ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r) \leq \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}(r), \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r) \leq \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}(r) \text{ and } \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r) \geq \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}(r), \forall r \in \mathbb{R},$$

(2). Union

$$\mathfrak{S}_1 \cup \mathfrak{S}_2 = \left(\begin{array}{c} (r, \max(\ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r), \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}(r)), \min(\ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r), \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}(r)), \\ \min(\ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r), \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}(r)) | r \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right);$$

(3). Intersection

$$\mathfrak{S}_1 \cap \mathfrak{S}_2 = \left(\begin{array}{c} (r, \min(\ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r), \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}(r)), \min(\ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r), \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}(r)), \\ \max(\ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r), \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}(r)) | r \in \mathbb{R} \end{array} \right);$$

(4). Compliment

$$\mathfrak{S}_1^c = \{ (r, \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r), \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r), \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}(r) | r \in \mathbb{R} \}.$$

Definition 7. Let $\mathfrak{S}_1 = \langle \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}, \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}, \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_1} \rangle$ and $\mathfrak{S}_2 = \langle \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}, \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}, \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_2} \rangle$ [53], which are two picture fuzzy numbers defined on the universe of discourse $\mathbb{R} \neq \emptyset$; some operations on picture fuzzy numbers are defined as follows, with $\lambda \geq 0$.

1. $\mathfrak{S}_1 \oplus \mathfrak{S}_2 = \{ \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}^2 + \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}^2 - \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}^2 \cdot \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}^2, \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_1} \cdot \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}, \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_1} \cdot \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_2} \};$
2. $\mathfrak{S}_1 \otimes \mathfrak{S}_2 = \{ \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_1} \cdot \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}, \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}^2 + \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}^2 - \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}^2 \cdot \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}^2, \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}^2 + \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}^2 - \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}^2 \cdot \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_2}^2 \};$
3. $\lambda \cdot \mathfrak{S}_1 = \{ 1 - (1 - \ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}^2)^\lambda, (\ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_1})^\lambda, (\ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_1})^\lambda \};$
4. $\mathfrak{S}_1^\lambda = \{ (\ddot{a}_{\mathfrak{S}_1})^\lambda, 1 - (1 - \ddot{e}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}^2)^\lambda, 1 - (1 - \ddot{u}_{\mathfrak{S}_1}^2)^\lambda \};$

3. 2-Tuple Picture Fuzzy Linguistic Sets

In the following, we introduced the concept of 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic sets and their basic operations based on the picture fuzzy set and 2-tuple linguistic information.

Definition 8. A 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic set \mathfrak{S} in $\mathbb{R} \neq \emptyset$ is defined as

$$\mathfrak{S} = \left\{ \left\langle s_{\ddot{a}(r)}, s_{\ddot{e}(r)}, s_{\ddot{u}(r)} \mid r \in \mathbb{R} \right\rangle \right\}, \quad (8)$$

where $s_{\ddot{a}(r)}, s_{\ddot{e}(r)}, s_{\ddot{u}(r)} \in \mathcal{S}$, with the condition $3 \leq \ddot{a}(r) + \ddot{e}(r) + \ddot{u}(r) \leq \tau + 1, \forall r \in \mathbb{R}$. The numbers $s_{\ddot{a}(r)}, s_{\ddot{e}(r)}$ and $s_{\ddot{u}(r)}$ denote positive, neutral, and negative membership grades of the number r to linguistic variable \mathfrak{S} . The term $s_{\chi(r)}$ is said to be the refusal grade of the element r to linguistic variable \mathfrak{S} , and is defined as $s_{\chi(r)} = s_{\tau+1-\ddot{a}(r)-\ddot{e}(r)-\ddot{u}(r)}$.

For convenience, we said $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}} = \langle (s_{\ddot{a}(r)}, \alpha), (s_{\ddot{e}(r)}, \beta), (s_{\ddot{u}(r)}, \gamma) \rangle$, a 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic number (2TPFLN), where $s_{\ddot{a}(r)}, s_{\ddot{e}(r)}, s_{\ddot{u}(r)} \in \mathcal{S}, 3 \leq \Lambda^{-1}(s_{\ddot{a}(r)}, \alpha) + \Lambda^{-1}(s_{\ddot{e}(r)}, \beta) + \Lambda^{-1}(s_{\ddot{u}(r)}, \gamma) \leq \tau + 1$, and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [-0.5, 0.5)$.

Definition 9. Let ϕ, φ , and χ be the results of the aggregation of the indices of a set of labels assessed in a linguistic term set, \mathcal{S} ; for example, the result of a symbolic aggregation operation, $\phi, \varphi, \chi \in [1, \tau], 3 \leq \phi + \varphi + \chi \leq \tau + 1$, (where τ be the cardinality of \mathcal{S}). Assume that $\ddot{a} = \text{round}(\phi), \ddot{e} = \text{round}(\varphi), \ddot{u} = \text{round}(\chi)$ and that $\alpha = \phi - \ddot{a}, \beta = \varphi - \ddot{e}, \gamma = \chi - \ddot{u}$ are the six values, such that $\phi, \varphi, \chi \in [1, \tau]$ and $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in [-0.5, 0.5)$, then α, β , and γ are called symbolic translations.

Definition 10. Let $\acute{S} = (s_1, \dots, s_\tau)$ be the linguistic set and $\phi, \varphi, \chi \in [1, \tau]$ be the three-number value, denoting the aggregation result of linguistic symbolic. Then, a mapping Λ is utilized to get the 2-tuple linguistic information equivalent to ϕ, φ , and χ , and is defined as

$$\Lambda : [1, \tau] \rightarrow \acute{S} \times [-0.5, 0.5], \quad (9)$$

$$\Lambda(\phi) = \begin{cases} s_{\ddot{a}}, \ddot{a} = \text{round}(\phi) \\ \alpha = \phi - \ddot{a}, \alpha \in [-0.5, 0.5], \end{cases} \quad (10)$$

$$\Lambda(\varphi) = \begin{cases} s_{\ddot{e}}, \ddot{e} = \text{round}(\varphi) \\ \beta = \varphi - \ddot{e}, \beta \in [-0.5, 0.5], \end{cases} \quad (11)$$

$$\Lambda(\chi) = \begin{cases} s_{\ddot{u}}, \ddot{u} = \text{round}(\chi) \\ \gamma = \chi - \ddot{u}, \gamma \in [-0.5, 0.5], \end{cases} \quad (12)$$

where $\text{round}(\cdot)$, $s_{\ddot{a}}$, $s_{\ddot{e}}$, and $s_{\ddot{u}}$ and α, β , and γ denoted the usual round operation; closest index label to ϕ, φ , and χ ; and the value of the symbolic translation, respectively.

Definition 11. Let $\acute{S} = (s_1, \dots, s_\tau)$ is the finite linguistic term set and $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}} = \langle (s_{\ddot{a}}, \alpha), (s_{\ddot{e}}, \beta), (s_{\ddot{u}}, \gamma) \rangle$, be a 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic number (2TPFLN). Then, there exists a mapping Λ^{-1} , such that from a 2-tuple picture fuzzy numbers $\langle (s_{\ddot{a}}, \alpha), (s_{\ddot{e}}, \beta), (s_{\ddot{u}}, \gamma) \rangle$ and it returns its equivalent numerical value $\phi, \varphi, \chi \in [1, \tau] \subset R_+$, which is

$$\Lambda^{-1} : \acute{S} \times [-0.5, 0.5] \rightarrow [1, \tau], \quad (13)$$

$$\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\ddot{a}}, \alpha) = \ddot{a} + \alpha = \phi, \quad (14)$$

$$\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\ddot{e}}, \beta) = \ddot{e} + \beta = \varphi, \quad (15)$$

$$\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\ddot{u}}, \gamma) = \ddot{u} + \gamma = \chi. \quad (16)$$

From Definitions 2 and 3, we observe that the conversion of a linguistic term into a linguistic 2-tuple consists of adding a value 0 as symbolic translation:

$$\Lambda \langle s_{\ddot{a}(r)}, s_{\ddot{e}(r)}, s_{\ddot{u}(r)} \rangle = \langle (s_{\ddot{a}(r)}, 0), (s_{\ddot{e}(r)}, 0), (s_{\ddot{u}(r)}, 0) \rangle. \quad (17)$$

Definition 12. Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}} = \langle (s_{\ddot{a}}, \alpha), (s_{\ddot{e}}, \beta), (s_{\ddot{u}}, \gamma) \rangle$, a 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic number (2TPFLN). Then, the score function of 2TPFLN is as follows,

$$Sc(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}) = \Lambda \left(\frac{\tau + \Lambda^{-1}(s_{\ddot{a}}, \alpha) - \Lambda^{-1}(s_{\ddot{e}}, \beta) - \Lambda^{-1}(s_{\ddot{u}}, \gamma)}{3} \right), \Lambda^{-1}(Sc(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}})) \in [1, \tau] \quad (18)$$

Definition 13. Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}} = \langle (s_{\ddot{a}}, \alpha), (s_{\ddot{e}}, \beta), (s_{\ddot{u}}, \gamma) \rangle$, a 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic number (2TPFLN). Then, the accuracy function of 2TPFLN is as follows,

$$Hc(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}) = \Lambda \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\ddot{a}}, \alpha) + \Lambda^{-1}(s_{\ddot{e}}, \beta) + \Lambda^{-1}(s_{\ddot{u}}, \gamma)}{3} \right), \Lambda^{-1}(Hc(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}})) \in [1, \tau] \quad (19)$$

Definition 14. Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1 = \langle (s_{\ddot{a}_1}, \alpha_1), (s_{\ddot{e}_1}, \beta_1), (s_{\ddot{u}_1}, \gamma_1) \rangle$ and $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2 = \langle (s_{\ddot{a}_2}, \alpha_2), (s_{\ddot{e}_2}, \beta_2), (s_{\ddot{u}_2}, \gamma_2) \rangle$ be the 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic numbers (2TPFLNs). Then, using Definitions 12 and 13, the equating technique can be described as

- (1) If $Sc(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1) > Sc(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2)$, then $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1$ is grater than $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2$,
- (2) If $Sc(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1) = Sc(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2)$, then
- (3) If $Hc(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1) > Hc(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2)$, then $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1$ is grater than $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2$,
- (4) If $Hc(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1) = Hc(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2)$, then $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1$ and $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2$ have the same information.

Definition 15. Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1 = \langle (s_{\tilde{a}_1}, \alpha_1), (s_{\tilde{e}_1}, \beta_1), (s_{\tilde{u}_1}, \gamma_1) \rangle$ and $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2 = \langle (s_{\tilde{a}_2}, \alpha_2), (s_{\tilde{e}_2}, \beta_2), (s_{\tilde{u}_2}, \gamma_2) \rangle$ be the two 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic number (2TPFLN). Then,

$$\begin{aligned}\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1 \oplus \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2 &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} + \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_2}, \alpha_2)}{\tau} - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_2}, \alpha_2)}{\tau} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_1}, \beta_1)}{\tau} \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_2}, \beta_2)}{\tau} \right) \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_2}, \gamma_1)}{\tau} \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_2}, \gamma_2)}{\tau} \right) \right) \end{array} \right); \\ \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1 \otimes \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2 &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_2}, \alpha_2)}{\tau} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} + \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_2}, \alpha_2)}{\tau} - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_2}, \alpha_2)}{\tau} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} + \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_2}, \alpha_2)}{\tau} - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_2}, \alpha_2)}{\tau} \right) \right) \end{array} \right); \\ \lambda \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1 &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} \right)^\lambda \right) \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} \right)^\lambda \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} \right)^\lambda \right) \end{array} \right); \\ (\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1)^\lambda &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} \right)^\lambda \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} \right)^\lambda \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} \right)^\lambda \right) \right) \end{array} \right).\end{aligned}$$

4. Averaging Aggregation Operators on 2-Tuple Picture Fuzzy Linguistic Numbers

In this section, we used the information of 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic numbers, and developed some averaging aggregation operators and discussed their properties.

Definition 16. Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}} = \langle (s_{\tilde{a}}, \alpha), (s_{\tilde{e}}, \beta), (s_{\tilde{u}}, \gamma) \rangle$ ($j = 1, \dots, n$) be the set of 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic numbers. Then, the function $\Omega^n \rightarrow \Omega$ is a 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic weighted average (2TPFLWA) operator, defined as

$$2TPFLWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^n (\Theta_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j), \quad (20)$$

where $\Theta = (\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n)^T$ is the weighting vector of $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j$, and $\Theta_j > 0$, $\sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j = 1$.

Theorem 1. The aggregated value by using the 2TPFLWA operator is also a 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic numbers, such that

$$\begin{aligned}
 2TPFLWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) &= \bigoplus_{j=1}^n \left(\Theta_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j \right) \\
 &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_j}, \alpha_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_j}, \beta_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_j}, \gamma_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \end{array} \right), \quad (21)
 \end{aligned}$$

where $\Theta = (\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n)^T$ is the weights of $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j$, and $\Theta_j > 0$, $\sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j = 1$.

Proof. We used the mathematical induction principle to prove Equation (21).

(1). When $n = 2$, we get

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Theta_1 \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1 &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_1} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_1}, \beta_1)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_1} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_1}, \gamma_1)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_1} \right) \end{array} \right) \\
 \Theta_2 \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2 &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_2}, \alpha_2)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_2} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_2}, \beta_2)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_2} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_2}, \gamma_2)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_2} \right) \end{array} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned}
 2TPFLWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2) &= (\Theta_1 \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1 \oplus \Theta_2 \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2) \\
 &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_1} \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_2}, \alpha_2)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_2} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_1}, \beta_1)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_1} \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_2}, \beta_2)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_2} \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_1}, \gamma_1)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_1} \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_2}, \gamma_2)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_2} \right) \end{array} \right)
 \end{aligned}$$

(2). Let Equation (21) is true for $n = \kappa$; that is,

$$2TPFLWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\kappa}) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\kappa} \left(\Theta_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j \right) \\ = \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa} \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_j}, \alpha_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa} \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_j}, \beta_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa} \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_j}, \gamma_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \end{array} \right)$$

and we prove Equation (21), for $n = \kappa + 1$. Then,

$$2TPFLWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\kappa+1}) = \Theta_1 \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1 \oplus \Theta_2 \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \Theta_{\kappa} \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\kappa} \oplus \Theta_{\kappa+1} \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\kappa+1} \\ = \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa} \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_j}, \alpha_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa} \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_j}, \beta_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa} \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_j}, \gamma_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \end{array} \right) \\ \oplus \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_{\kappa+1}}, \alpha_{\kappa+1})}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_{\kappa+1}} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_{\kappa+1}}, \beta_{\kappa+1})}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_{\kappa+1}} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_{\kappa+1}}, \gamma_{\kappa+1})}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_{\kappa+1}} \right) \end{array} \right) \\ = \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_j}, \alpha_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_j}, \beta_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_j}, \gamma_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \end{array} \right)$$

which shows that the aggregated value is also a 2TPFLN. Therefore, Equation (21) holds for all n .

□

Property 1 (Idempotency). If $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j = \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}$ for all j , then

$$2TPFLWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) = \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}. \quad (22)$$

Proof. As $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j = \tilde{\mathfrak{S}} (j = 1, \dots, n)$, the WA aggregation result of 2TPFLNs can be calculated using

$$\begin{aligned}
 2TPFLWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) &= \bigoplus_{j=1}^n \left(\Theta_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j \right) \\
 &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_j}, \alpha_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_j}, \beta_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_j}, \gamma_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \end{array} \right), \\
 &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}}, \alpha)}{\tau} \right)^{\sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j} \right) \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}}, \beta)}{\tau} \right)^{\sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j} \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}}, \gamma)}{\tau} \right)^{\sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j} \right) \end{array} \right) \\
 &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}}, \alpha)}{\tau} \right) \right) \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}}, \beta)}{\tau} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}}, \gamma)}{\tau} \right) \right) \end{array} \right) \\
 &= \langle (s_{\tilde{a}}, \alpha), (s_{\tilde{e}}, \beta), (s_{\tilde{u}}, \gamma) \rangle = \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}
 \end{aligned}$$

□

Property 2 (Boundedness). Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j (j = 1, \dots, n)$ be a set of 2TPFLNs, $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^+ = \max_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j$, and $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^- = \min_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j$, then

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^- \leq 2TPFLWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) \leq \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^+. \quad (23)$$

Proof. As $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^-$ are the minimum 2TPFLNs and $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^+$ are the maximum 2TPFLNs, there exists $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^- \leq \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j \leq \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^+$. Thus, we have

$$\sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^- \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}} \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^+.$$

Corresponding to the property (1), there are $\sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^- = \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^-$ and $\sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^+ = \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^+$. Therefore,

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^- \leq 2TPFLWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) \leq \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^+$$

□

Property 3 (Monotonicity). Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j (j = 1, \dots, n)$ and $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}'_j (j = 1, \dots, n)$ be a collection of 2TPFLNs, if $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j \leq \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}'_j, \forall j$, then

$$2TPFLWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) \leq 2TPFLWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}'_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}'_n). \quad (24)$$

Proof. As $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j \leq \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}'_j$ ($j = 1, \dots, n$), there exist $\sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}} \leq \sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}'$. Therefore,

$$2TPFLWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) \leq 2TPFLWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}'_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}'_n).$$

□

Definition 17. Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}} = \langle (s_{\tilde{a}}, \alpha), (s_{\tilde{e}}, \beta), (s_{\tilde{u}}, \gamma) \rangle$ ($j = 1, \dots, n$) be the set of 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic numbers. Then, the 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic ordered weighted averaging (2TPFLOWA) operator is a function $\Omega^n \rightarrow \Omega$, with $\Theta = (\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n)^T$ as the associated weights and $\Theta_j > 0$, $\sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j = 1$. Then,

$$\begin{aligned} 2TPFLOWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) &= \bigoplus_{j=1}^n \left(\Theta_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\sigma(j)} \right) \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{l} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_{\sigma(j)}}, \alpha_{\sigma(j)})}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_{\sigma(j)}}, \beta_{\sigma(j)})}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_{\sigma(j)}}, \gamma_{\sigma(j)})}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \end{array} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (25)$$

where the permutation of $(1, \dots, n)$ are $(\sigma(1), \dots, \sigma(n))$, and defined as $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\sigma(j-1)} \geq \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\sigma(j)} \forall j = 2, \dots, n$.

Definition 18. Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}} = \langle (s_{\tilde{a}}, \alpha), (s_{\tilde{e}}, \beta), (s_{\tilde{u}}, \gamma) \rangle$ ($j = 1, \dots, n$) be the set of 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic numbers. Then, the 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic hybrid average (2TPFLHA) operator is a function of $\Omega^n \rightarrow \Omega$, such that

$$\begin{aligned} 2TPFLHA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) &= \bigoplus_{j=1}^n \left(\Theta_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\sigma(j)}^* \right) \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{l} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(\tilde{s}_{\tilde{a}_{\sigma(j)}}^*, \alpha_{\sigma(j)}^*)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(\tilde{s}_{\tilde{e}_{\sigma(j)}}^*, \beta_{\sigma(j)}^*)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(\tilde{s}_{\tilde{u}_{\sigma(j)}}^*, \gamma_{\sigma(j)}^*)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \end{array} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (26)$$

where $\Theta = (\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n)^T$ denote the associated weights, such that $\Theta_j > 0$, $\sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j = 1$; $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\sigma(j)}^*$ is the j^{th} biggest element of the 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic arguments $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\sigma(j)}^* \left(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\sigma(j)}^* = n\omega_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j, j = 1, \dots, n \right)$; ($\omega = \omega_1, \dots, \omega_n$) is the weight vector of 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic arguments $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j$, with $\omega_j > 0$, $\sum_{j=1}^n \omega_j = 1$; and n is the balancing coefficient.

5. Geometric Aggregation Operators on 2-Tuple Picture Fuzzy Linguistic Numbers

In this section, we used the information of 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic numbers, developed some geometric aggregation operators, and discussed their properties.

Definition 19. Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}} = \langle (s_{\tilde{u}}, \alpha), (s_{\tilde{v}}, \beta), (s_{\tilde{w}}, \gamma) \rangle$ ($j = 1, \dots, n$) be the set of 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic numbers. Then, the function of $\Omega^n \rightarrow \Omega$ are the 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic weighted geometric (2TPFLWG) operator, defined as

$$2TPFLWG_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) = \bigotimes_{j=1}^n (\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j)^{\Theta_j}, \quad (27)$$

where $\Theta = (\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n)^T$ is the weighting vector of $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j$, such that $\Theta_j > 0$, $\sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j = 1$.

Theorem 2. The aggregated value by using 2TPFLWG operator is also a 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic numbers, such that

$$\begin{aligned} 2TPFLWG_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) &= \bigotimes_{j=1}^n (\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j)^{\Theta_j} \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_j}, \alpha_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{v}_j}, \beta_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{w}_j}, \gamma_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right) \end{array} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (28)$$

where $\Theta = (\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n)^T$ is the weights of $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j$, such that $\Theta_j > 0$, $\sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j = 1$.

Proof. We used the mathematical induction principle to prove Equation (28).

(1). When $n = 2$, we get

$$\begin{aligned} (\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1)^{\Theta_1} &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_1} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{v}_1}, \beta_1)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_1} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{w}_1}, \gamma_1)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_1} \right) \right) \end{array} \right) \\ (\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2)^{\Theta_2} &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_2}, \alpha_2)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_2} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{v}_2}, \beta_2)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_2} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{w}_2}, \gamma_2)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_2} \right) \right) \end{array} \right). \end{aligned}$$

Then,

$$\begin{aligned} 2TPFLWG_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2) &= (\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1)^{\Theta_1} \otimes (\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_2)^{\Theta_2} \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_1}, \alpha_1)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_1} \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_2}, \alpha_2)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_2} \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{v}_1}, \beta_1)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_1} \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{v}_2}, \beta_2)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_2} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{w}_1}, \gamma_1)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_1} \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{w}_2}, \gamma_2)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_2} \right) \right) \end{array} \right). \end{aligned}$$

(2). Assume that Equation (28), true for $n = \kappa$; that is,

$$2TPFLWG_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\kappa}) = \bigoplus_{j=1}^{\kappa} (\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j)^{\Theta_j} \\ = \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa} \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_j}, \alpha_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa} \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_j}, \beta_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right) \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa} \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_j}, \gamma_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right) \end{array} \right)$$

and we prove Equation (28) for $n = \kappa + 1$; then,

$$2TPFLWG_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\kappa+1}) = (\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1)^{\Theta_1} \otimes \dots \otimes (\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\kappa})^{\Theta_{\kappa}} \otimes (\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\kappa+1})^{\Theta_{\kappa+1}} \\ \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa} \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_j}, \alpha_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa} \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_j}, \beta_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right) \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa} \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_j}, \gamma_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right) \end{array} \right) \\ = \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_{\kappa+1}}, \alpha_{\kappa+1})}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_{\kappa+1}} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_{\kappa+1}}, \beta_{\kappa+1})}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_{\kappa+1}} \right) \right) \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_{\kappa+1}}, \gamma_{\kappa+1})}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_{\kappa+1}} \right) \right) \end{array} \right) \\ \oplus \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_j}, \alpha_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_j}, \beta_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right) \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^{\kappa+1} \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_j}, \gamma_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right) \end{array} \right)$$

which shows that the aggregated value is also a 2TPFLN. Therefore, Equation (28) holds for all n .

□

The 2TPFLWG operator have the following properties are satisfied.

Property 4 (Idempotency). If $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j = \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}$ for all j , then

$$2TPFLWG_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) = \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}. \quad (29)$$

Property 5 (Boundedness). Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j (j = 1, \dots, n)$ be a set of 2TPFLNs, and $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^+ = \max_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j$, $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^- = \min_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j$, then

$$\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^- \leq 2TPFLWG_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) \leq \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}^+. \quad (30)$$

Property 6 (Monotonicity). Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j (j = 1, \dots, n)$ and $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}'_j (j = 1, \dots, n)$ be a collection of 2TPFLNs, if $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j \leq \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}'_j, \forall j$, then

$$2TPFLWG_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) \leq 2TPFLWG_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}'_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}'_n). \quad (31)$$

Definition 20. Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}} = \langle (s_{\tilde{a}}, \alpha), (s_{\tilde{e}}, \beta), (s_{\tilde{u}}, \gamma) \rangle (j = 1, \dots, n)$ be the set of 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic numbers. Then, the function of $\Omega^n \rightarrow \Omega$ are 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic ordered weighted geometric (2TPFLOWG) operator, defined as $\Theta = (\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n)^T$, which are the associated weights, and $\Theta_j > 0, \sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j = 1$. Then,

$$2TPFLOWG_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) = \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \left(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\sigma(j)} \right)^{\Theta_j} = \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_{\sigma(j)}}, \alpha_{\sigma(j)})}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_{\sigma(j)}}, \beta_{\sigma(j)})}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_{\sigma(j)}}, \gamma_{\sigma(j)})}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right) \end{array} \right), \quad (32)$$

The permutation of $(1, \dots, n)$ are $(\sigma(1), \dots, \sigma(n))$, and $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\sigma(j-1)} \geq \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\sigma(j)} \forall j = 2, \dots, n$.

Definition 21. Let $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}} = \langle (s_{\tilde{a}}, \alpha), (s_{\tilde{e}}, \beta), (s_{\tilde{u}}, \gamma) \rangle (j = 1, \dots, n)$ be the set of 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic numbers. Then, the function of $\Omega^n \rightarrow \Omega$ are 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic hybrid geometric (2TPFLHG) operator, defined as

$$2TPFLHG_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) = \bigotimes_{j=1}^n \left(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\sigma(j)}^* \right)^{\Theta_j} = \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(\tilde{s}_{\tilde{a}_{\sigma(j)}}^*, \alpha_{\sigma(j)}^*)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(\tilde{s}_{\tilde{e}_{\sigma(j)}}^*, \beta_{\sigma(j)}^*)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(\tilde{s}_{\tilde{u}_{\sigma(j)}}^*, \gamma_{\sigma(j)}^*)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right) \end{array} \right), \quad (33)$$

where $\Theta = (\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n)^T$ are the associated weights, $\Theta_j > 0, \sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j = 1$, and $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\sigma(j)}^*$ is the j^{th} biggest element of the 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic arguments. $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\sigma(j)}^* \left(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_{\sigma(j)}^* = n\omega_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j, j = 1, \dots, n \right)$, where $(\omega = \omega_1, \dots, \omega_n)$ is the weighting vector of 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic arguments $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j$, with $\omega_j > 0, \sum_{j=1}^n \omega_j = 1$, where n denotes the balancing coefficient.

6. An Approach for MADM with 2-Tuple Picture Fuzzy Linguistic Information

In this section, based on proposed two operators (2TPFLWA or 2TPFLWG operators), we proposed an approach for MADM problem, with the information of 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic information. Suppose that the discrete set of alternatives is $\mathbb{Q} = (\mathbb{Q}_1, \dots, \mathbb{Q}_m)$, and the attributes set is $\mathbb{N} = (\mathbb{N}_1, \dots, \mathbb{N}_n)$, where $\Theta = (\Theta_1, \dots, \Theta_n)^T$ is the weights of the attribute \mathbb{N}_j and $\Theta_j \in [0, 1], \sum_{j=1}^n \Theta_j = 1$. Assume that $\mathbb{Z} = (\tilde{r}_{ij})_{m \times n} = \langle (s_{\tilde{a}}, \alpha), (s_{\tilde{e}}, \beta), (s_{\tilde{u}}, \gamma) \rangle_{m \times n}$ is the 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic decision matrix,

where \tilde{r}_{ij} , takes the form of the 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic numbers, and $(s_{\tilde{a}}, \alpha), (s_{\tilde{e}}, \beta), (s_{\tilde{u}}, \gamma)$ denote the positive, neutral, and negative grades, respectively, such that the alternative Q_i satisfies the attribute \mathbb{N}_j given by the decision-makers. Where $(s_{\tilde{a}}, \alpha), (s_{\tilde{e}}, \beta), (s_{\tilde{u}}, \gamma) \in \tilde{S}, \alpha_{ij}, \beta_{ij}, \gamma_{ij} \leq [-0.5, 0.5], i = 1, \dots, m; j = 1, \dots, n$. Now, we used the 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic information and apply the 2TPFLWA or 2TPFLWG operator for the MADM problem.

Step 1: To find the total preference values $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_i (i = 1, \dots, m)$ of the alternative Q_i , we used the given information of the matrix \mathbb{Z} , the 2TPFLWA operator (Equation (21)), and the 2TPFLWG operators (Equation (28)).

$$\begin{aligned} 2TPFLWA_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) &= \bigoplus_{j=1}^n (\Theta_j \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j) \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_j}, \alpha_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_j}, \beta_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_j}, \gamma_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \end{array} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (34)$$

Or

$$\begin{aligned} 2TPFLWG_{\Theta}(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_1, \dots, \tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_n) &= \bigotimes_{j=1}^n (\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_j)^{\Theta_j} \\ &= \left(\begin{array}{c} \Lambda \left(\tau \prod_{j=1}^n \left(\frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{a}_j}, \alpha_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right), \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{e}_j}, \beta_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right), \\ \Lambda \left(\tau \left(1 - \prod_{j=1}^n \left(1 - \frac{\Lambda^{-1}(s_{\tilde{u}_j}, \gamma_j)}{\tau} \right)^{\Theta_j} \right) \right) \end{array} \right), \end{aligned} \quad (35)$$

Step 2: Find the scores $Sc(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_i) (i = 1, \dots, m)$ values, using Equation (18) of the total 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic numbers $\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_i$.

Step 3: According to the score value $Sc(\tilde{\mathfrak{S}}_i) (i = 1, \dots, m)$, give ranking to the alternatives Q_i and select the best one.

6.1. Practical Example

To demonstrate the application of the developed approach, we present a numerical application about the robot selection by manufacturing unit. A robot can execute instruction on its own, either as a machine or as a virtual intelligent agent. In practice, robots are usually electromechanical machines that are controlled by computers, as well as electronic programming. An industrial robot is an automatically controlled, reprogrammed, multifunctional works and can be programmed on three or more axes. It can be installed permanently or mobile for use in industrial application. It is well known that many industrial robots are present in almost all production or manufacturing industries to improve quality and productivity. Depending on the work performed, choosing the right robot for a critical task has become a challenging task for automated production cells. Various criteria and alternatives are considered to be responsible for the operation of a particular robot. Therefore, to facilitate this evaluation and selection process a strong multicriteria decision support model is indeed required. To address this issue, we present a work that explores the concept of 2TPFLSs, integrated with averaging and geometric operators to help such a decision-making problems.

The given model has been applied for the selection of an industrial robot carried out by three production unit of a famous manufacturing industry in Pakistan. After initial selection, three alternatives robots $\{Q_1, Q_2, Q_3\}$ were selected for further evaluation. The given set of criteria $\{\mathbb{N}_1, \mathbb{N}_2, \mathbb{N}_3, \mathbb{N}_4\}$ has been considered, where \mathbb{N}_1 represent the speediness (measure in m/s, which shows the quickness of the response during the transportation); \mathbb{N}_2 shows payload capacity (operation limitation or ranged of the robot's payload capacity, measured in kg); \mathbb{N}_3 represent the programming

flexibility (readability, coordination, and degree of common robotic integration with other robotic system); N_4 shows the human-machine interface (capability of easy human-robot interaction). By the existing experience and knowledge, the manufacturing unit uses the criteria weighting vector $\Theta = (0.27, 0.24, 0.23, 0.26)^T$. The evaluation matrix is shown in Table 1. In the following, to choose the best robot for the manufacturing unit, we used the proposed approach. The final ranking of robot, see Tables 2, 3 and 4.

Table 1. The 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic decision matrix.

| | N_1 | N_2 | N_3 | N_4 |
|-------|--|--|--|--|
| Q_1 | $\langle (s_6, 0), (s_1, 0)(s_1, 0) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_4, 0), (s_2, 0)(s_1, 0) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_4, 0), (s_2, 0)(s_1, 0) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_4, 0), (s_2, 0)(s_3, 0) \rangle$ |
| Q_2 | $\langle (s_4, 0), (s_2, 0)(s_2, 0) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_5, 0), (s_1, 0)(s_2, 0) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_3, 0), (s_1, 0)(s_2, 0) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_1, 0), (s_3, 0)(s_4, 0) \rangle$ |
| Q_3 | $\langle (s_5, 0), (s_1, 0)(s_2, 0) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_4, 0), (s_2, 0)(s_1, 0) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_1, 0), (s_2, 0)(s_3, 0) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_2, 0), (s_2, 0)(s_2, 0) \rangle$ |

To choose the most desirable alternative, we used the following steps.

Table 2. The aggregated value of the alternatives by using the 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic weighted average (2TPFLWA).

| | 2TPFLWA | 2TPFLWG |
|-------|--|--|
| Q_1 | $\langle (s_4, 0.45), (s_2, -0.35), (s_1, 0.33) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_4, 0.44), (s_2, -0.25), (s_2, -0.42) \rangle$ |
| Q_2 | $\langle (s_3, 0.42), (s_2, -0.41), (s_2, -0.36) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_3, -0.28), (s_2, -0.16), (s_3, -0.41) \rangle$ |
| Q_3 | $\langle (s_4, -0.28), (s_2, -0.39), (s_2, -0.18) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_3, -0.46), (s_2, -0.19), (s_2, 0.03) \rangle$ |

Table 3. Alternatives score values.

| | 2TPFLWA | 2TPFLWG |
|-------|---------------|----------------|
| Q_1 | $(s_3, 0.48)$ | $(s_3, 0.38)$ |
| Q_2 | $(s_3, 0.06)$ | $(s_2, 0.42)$ |
| Q_3 | $(s_3, 0.09)$ | $(s_3, -0.44)$ |

Table 4. Ranking of the alternatives.

| Operators | Ranking |
|-----------|-------------------|
| 2TPFLWA | $Q_1 > Q_3 > Q_2$ |
| 2TPFLWG | $Q_1 > Q_3 > Q_2$ |

A Comparative Analysis with Linguistic Picture Fuzzy Sets

The notion of linguistic picture fuzzy set (LPFS) was developed by Zeng et al. [53]. Zeng et al. [53] introduced the extended version of the linguistic picture fuzzy TOPSIS method and solved the problem of enterprise resource planning systems. We solved our created problem, using the concept of Zeng et al. [53].

First, we convert the data of created problem to linguistic picture fuzzy numbers, which are shown in Table 5.

Table 5. The linguistic picture fuzzy decision matrix.

| | N_1 | N_2 | N_3 | N_4 |
|-------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Q_1 | $\langle (s_6, s_1, s_1) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_4, s_2, s_1) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_4, s_2, s_1) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_4, s_2, s_3) \rangle$ |
| Q_2 | $\langle (s_4, s_2, s_2) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_5, s_1, s_2) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_3, s_1, s_2) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_1, s_3, s_4) \rangle$ |
| Q_3 | $\langle (s_5, s_1, s_2) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_4, s_2, s_1) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_1, s_2, s_3) \rangle$ | $\langle (s_2, s_2, s_2) \rangle$ |

Then, we apply all of the steps of the approach of Zeng et al. [53], which, using the weights of the attributes, are $(0.27, 0.24, 0.23, 0.26)^T$. We obtain the following ranking.

Comparative discussion

To illustrate the effectiveness of the developed algorithm using 2TPFLSs, we give a numerical example and analyze the selection of the best alternative using the developed approach and 2TPFL information. In Table 4, we derived the ranking of the alternatives by utilizing the developed method. From Table 6, we observed that the ranking orders of the alternatives using the developed method are totally matched with the result derived from the Zeng et al. [53] method. Therefore, the proposed approach is also validated. Using the proposed method, the best alternative is Q_1 , and using the Zeng et al. [53] method, the best alternative is also Q_1 , both are same best alternative Q_1 (see Table 6). Thus, the proposed technique is rather prominent, because it can effectively avoid any loss of information which formerly occur during the linguistic information processing. Both numerical and linguistic information are taken into consideration using 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic information, which makes the developed techniques more prominent, flexible, and realistic.

Table 6. Ordering of the alternatives.

| Approaches | Ranking |
|------------------------|-------------------|
| LPF TOPSIS Method [53] | $Q_1 > Q_3 > Q_2$ |
| 2TPFLWA operator | $Q_1 > Q_3 > Q_2$ |
| 2TPFLWG operator | $Q_1 > Q_3 > Q_2$ |

7. Conclusions

In this article, we study a MADM problem with the 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic environment. First, we introduced some 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic aggregation operators: 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic weighted average (2TPFLWA), 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic weighted geometric (2TPFLWG), 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic ordered weighted average (2TPFLOWA), 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic ordered weighted geometric (2TPFLOWG), 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic hybrid average (2TPFLHA), and 2-tuple picture fuzzy linguistic hybrid geometric (2TPFLHG) operators. We study some basic properties of the defined operators. Then, we use the developed operators and write an algorithm for the solution of MADM problem. The practical application of robot selection by manufacturing unit is given to prove the importance of the proposed method and to establish its practicability and effectiveness. Finally, we compare our proposed method with the Zeng et al. [53] method, to show that our proposed method is more validate, practical, and effective than the other existing methods. In our future work, we will apply the application of 2TPFLNs in many other researches [22,23,27,30,32].

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